

If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

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1. (Amended) A dielectric filter comprising:

a dielectric block;

a plurality of conductive through holes arranged in the dielectric block, each of the conductive through holes having a open end along a first surface of the dielectric block;

a respective coupling electrode connected to each conductive through hole, each coupling electrode formed on the first surface of the dielectric block and extended at least to a first edge of the dielectric block, the respective coupling electrodes having a gap therebetween and generating a capacitance therebetween so as to couple the plurality of conductive through holes; and

an outer conductor arranged on outer surfaces of the dielectric block.

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2. (Amended) The dielectric filter according to Claim 1, wherein the coupling electrodes further extend onto a second surface of the dielectric block which intersects the first edge of the dielectric block.

3. (Amended) The dielectric filter according to Claim 1, further comprising input/output electrodes arranged on a second surface of the dielectric block and extending from a second edge, opposing the first edge, to generate capacitances between the open ends of the conductive through holes and the input/output electrodes.

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7. (New) The dielectric filter according to Claim 2, further comprising input/output electrodes arranged on a third surface of the dielectric block and extending from a second edge, opposing the first edge, to generate capacitances between the open ends of the conductive through holes and the input/output electrodes.